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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 15, 1977

1. THIS WILL BE THE LAST DAILY SUMMARY OF THE SOVIET PRESS FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW. AS A RESULT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS AND SUBSEQUENT REDFINITION OF ITS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, THE EMBASSY HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT CAN REPORT MORE EFFECTIVELY ON THE SOVIET PRESS BY COVERING SPECIFIC ITEMS AND TOPICS AS NEEDED. ADDRESSEES WILL THUS RECEIVE ONLY REPORTS MORE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

2. U.S. COVERAGE ON IDES OF MARCH IS LIGHT:

--PRAVDA HAS BRIEF NOTE OF SEN. MCGOVERN'S CALL IN NYT FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA;

--SENATOR PROXIMIRE'S STATEMENT REGRETTING U.S. FAILURE TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON GENOCIDE (IZ), AND

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--YET ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF BEN CHAVEZ' CHARGES IN "WILMINGTON TEN" CASE (PR, KZ).

3. MIDDLE EAST:

--IZVESTIYA ANSWERS A LETTER FROM A READER ASKING ABOUT U.S. POSITION ON "DEFENSIBLE BORDERS" FOR ISRAEL. ANSWER, CITING PRESIDENT AS SOURCE, SAYS U.S. POLICY ON THIS AND ARMS SUPPLY TO ISRAEL ANSWERS THOSE WHO EXPECTED MORE FLEXIBLE U.S. ME POLICY FROM NEW ADMINISTRATION. PRESIDENT'S CONCEPT DOES NOT DIFFER FROM 1969 "ALLON PLAN" IDEA OF "MILITARY BOUNDARIES," SAYS IZVESTIYA.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT CUBAN-PDRY COMMUNIQUE WHICH, ACCORDING TO IZVESTIYA ACCOUNT, ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR ALL NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND, "IN PARTICULAR", STRUGGLE OF PATRIOTS OF NATIONAL FRONT OF LIBERATION OF OMAN.

--PRAVDA HAS TASS DAMASCUS SURVEY OF LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE REFLECTING GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYRIA AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

4. EUROPE:

--CENTRAL PRESS GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO VISIT OF TURKISH FOMIN CAGLAYANGIL, HIS MEETING WITH KOSYGIN (FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE) AND THE LUNCHEON EXCHANGE BETWEEN CAGLAYANGIL AND GROMYKO. IN HIS SPEECH GROMYKO SAID SOVIET POLICY TOWARD TURKEY WAS NOT OPPORTUNISTIC, BUT PRINCIPLED AND UNSHAKEABLE. TURNING TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES HE SAID LONG TERM REALIZATION OF ALL UNDERSTANDINGS AT HELSINKI DEPENDED ON PROGRESS IN DETENTE. GROMYKO SAID THAT DESPITE PROBLEMS, "WE WILL LOOK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH OPTIMISM INTO THE FUTURE," BUT, HE ADDED, "WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO UNDERESTIMATE THE DANGER" PRESENTED BY ATTEMPTS OF CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE WEST TO POISON THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE AND IMPERIL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. GROMYKO REMARKED THAT WHILE SOVIETS ARE RELIABLE PARTNERS OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE READY TO COOPERATE IN DETENTE, THEY WILL NEVER SACRIFICE SOVEREIGNTY OR DIGNITY OF SOVIET STATE OR ITS ALLIES IN PROCESS.

WHILE CAGLAYANGIL'S REMARKS WERE ROUTINE, HE GRATUITIOUSLY REPEATED TURKEY'S ME POSITION, INCLUDING FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967.

--FIRST REPORTS FROM PARIS IN PRAVDA CITE POLITICAL FIGURES AND OBSERVERS AS SAYING THAT ELECTIONS WERE GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE LEFT.

--LONG ARTICLE IN IZVESTIYA FROM PRAGUE BY CZECH ZDENEK GORDZENI IS MAIN HR ITEM. AUTHOR MAKES STANDARD POINTS ABOUT WESTERN FAULTS AND EASTERN BENEFITS, CHARTER 77 AND BUKOVSKIY MEETING IN WHITE HOUSE, ENDING WITH ASSERTION THAT EAST READY TO CONTINUE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS.

--IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY BY GENEVA CORRESPONDENT K. PEREVOSHCHIKOV IS UP-BEAT ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS OF UNHRC MEETINGS, MENTIONING POSITIONS TAKEN ON ISRAEL, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CHILE. IT OMITS

REFERENCE TO QUESTION OF USSR OR UGANDA. ALSO
MISSING IS EARLIER HIGH PRAISE FOR COMMISSION'S
ROLE IN STRUGGLE AGAINST REACTION AND IMPERIALISM.

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5. AFRICA:

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA GIVE LENGTHY AND PROMI-
ENT COVERAGE TO PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET RATIFI-
CATION OF SOVIET-ANGOLAN FRIENDSHIP TREATY.
GROMYKO'S REPORT DESCRIBED "COMPLICATED" SITUATION
IN AND AROUND ANGOLA AND CASTIGATED IMPERIALISTS
AND NEO-COLONIALISTS WHO STILL WANT TO PLUNDER
ANGOLA. PODGORNYY'S CONCLUDING REMARKS MENTIONED
THE SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND
ANGOLA TO BATTLE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, RACISM,
ETC. IN THIS, HE SAID, THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL
NATURALLY COOPERATE WITH ALL PROGRESSIVE AND
PEACE-LOVING FORCES.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT CASTRO'S REMARKS
IN MOGADISCIO. ACCORDING TO IZVESTIYA CASTRO
DESCRIBED PLANS OF IMPERIALISTS TO ESTABLISH
A NEO-COLONIALIST REGIME IN DJIBOUTI AND TO
MAINTAIN A MILITARY BASE THERE DIRECTED AGAINST
PDRY, SOMALIA, AND ETHIOPIA.

6. LATIN AMERICA:

--V. EVSTIGNEYEV IN KZ ANSWERS AT LENGTH A
READER'S LETTER ABOUT SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. "COMPLI-
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CATED AND CONTRADICTORY," HE SAYS, DESCRIBING
DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE MILITARY AND RESISTANCE OF
THE WORKERS TO THE MILITARY REGIME. U.S. TAKES ITS
EXPECTED LUMPS.

7. ASIA:

--PRAVDA ANNOUNCES ROCKET TESTS IN PACIFIC FROM
MAR. 18-31 WITHIN 50 NM. RADIUS OF 23'25"N AND

171'26"EHDEIJGE J

NTRAP NEWSPAPERS ALL REPORT THAT VIETNAMESE
DEFENSE MINISTER GIAP VISITED LENINGRAD MARCH 12-
14, SAW VARIOUS MILITARY/HISTORICAL SITES WITH
LOCAL PARTY CHIEF ROMANOV, AND LEFT FOR MOSCOW ON
MARCH 14.

--PRAVDA IN IZVESTIYA CARRY SEPARATE ITEMS
ON THE FORTHCOMING INDIAN ELECTIONS, PLAYING UP
CPI'S STAND AND CRITICIZING THE JANATA PARTY IN
STANDARD TERMS.

--PARVDA AND KZ CARRY A TASS PEKING ITEM
CITING CHINESE PRESS REPORTS ON ALLEGED PLOTS BY
THE "GROUP OF FOUR" TO FOMENT A MILITARY UPRISING
IN SHANGHAI. THE ITEM NOTES A PEOPLE'S DAILY
REFERENCE TO "MEASURES" TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE
"SHANGHAI QUESTION."

--PRAVDA'S VIENTIANE CORRESPONDENT, V. SKUORTSOV,
REPORTS THE THWARTING OF AN ALLEGED PLOT BY
"REACTIONARY ELEMENTS," LED BY THE FORMER CHIEF
OF THE ROYAL PALACE AND INVOLVING THE FORMER KING
AND HIS SON. THE ITEM CITES A LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT
STATEMENT THAT THE FORMER KING HAD BEEN SENT TO
A REEDUCATION CENTER, AND THE OTHER PLOTTERS
ARRESTED.

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--KZ CARRIES A TASS TOKYO ITEM CHARGING THAT
THE U.S. AND JAPAN ARE CONSIDERING A "DANGEROUS
PLAN" TO STRENGTHEN "THEIR BASES" IN OKINAWA. THE
ITEM CITES A REPORTED STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF A
JAPANESE STUDY GROUP, UPPER HOUSE DEPUTY S. KIYAMU
(PHONETIC), ON VARIOUS MEASURES, INCLUDING THE
"UNIFICATION" OF U.S. FORCES IN OKINAWA AND SOUTH
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